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**NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL**

**Little Prospect of President Signing Tariff Bill Before End of Week.**

Washington.—More time has been devoted by congress to the consideration of the Underwood tariff bill than ever before was given to the consideration of any other tariff measure, and the present special session has already run two weeks beyond the previous record for a special session, with no end yet in sight. There is little prospect that the Underwood bill can be signed by the president prior to September 20, but if the bill becomes a law on that day a total of 166 days will have been consumed in its consideration and passage.

The longest previous special session of congress was that of the sixty-first congress, at which the Payne-Aldrich law was passed. That session ran from March 15 to August 5, 1909, a total of 144 days. It took 131 days from March 15 to July 24, 1897, to pass the Dingley bill.

**Currency Debate Begun in House.**

Oratorical display prior to the passage of the administration currency bill through the house began with a series of speeches for and against the measure. The general discussion continued throughout day and night sessions of the house until Saturday night.

Chairman Glass, of the banking and currency committee, father of the bill; Representative Hayes, of California, ranking member of the committee, and Representative Murdock, of Kansas, Progressive floor leader, opened the debate for their respective parties.

The measure was taken up in detail for amendment Monday, and it is expected the detailed discussion will be extensive. Under the caucus action of the Democrats, the possibility that any change will be written into the measure in the house is remote.

**Bryan's Plea Heeded by House.**

In response to an urgent demand from the state department, the house adopted a joint resolution making an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 to be used for the relief of destitute Americans in Mexico and for their transportation to the United States.

Majority Leader Underwood presented the emergency resolution and read a personal letter from Secretary Bryan asking immediate action. The secretary said the department was using \$2000 a day to aid Americans in Mexico and that only \$12,000 was available for that purpose. The resolution will go immediately to the senate, where it probably will be passed.

**No Ground for Bubonic Plague Scare.**

Surgeon-General Bine of the public health service declared there was no cause for alarm in the one death from bubonic plague at Martinez, Cal. The case is regarded simply as a sporadic one, not in any way an indication of danger of an epidemic, but entirely due to ground squirrel infection. For several weeks the public health service has been making plans for increased activity against rodent carriers of the disease on the Pacific coast, and those plans are about to be put into execution.

**National Capital Brevities.**

Attacking the "evils of the caucus system," Representative Anderson of Minnesota resigned from the ways and means committee, as a protest.

The food research laboratory of the bureau of chemistry is conducting experiments in several egg-breaking establishments to assist the manufacturers in canning perfect eggs for winter use.

A countervailing duty on dried or candied fruits and combed wool, or tops from Australia, equivalent to the bounty granted to those products by the Australian government, was ordered by the treasury.

Wine—pure wine—is to be a thing of the past under the pending tariff bill in the opinion of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, formerly chief chemist for the government.

The Pomerene amendment taxing brandy used in fortifying California wines at the rate of \$1.10 per gallon and also taxing spurious wine, was stricken from the tariff bill in conference between the senate and house.

Hindus seeking admittance to the United States through the Philippines or any other American possession will not be permitted to land unless they pass the examination under the immigration laws.

General denial of all the allegations made against him by Colonel Martin M. Mulhall of Baltimore, former self-styled chief lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers, was voiced by former Representative James Watson of Indiana, before the house lobby investigating committee.

A canvass of members of the house and senate committees which have been investigating President Wilson's assertion concerning the existence of a dangerous lobby in Washington, showed that both reports will sustain the charges of the chief executive.

**BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON**

A 9-year-old Eskimo girl has arrived at Astoria and will attend school there.

Police Chief Ed Shaw, of Oregon City, has ordered that the poundmaster kill all unmuzzled dogs on sight.

A full grown porcupine was lassoed and killed by members of the night police force in the heart of Eugene.

War against the speeder will be waged by the Portland automobile club against violations in every part of Oregon.

Clatskanie residents have subscribed \$500 toward the fund for the survey of the route of the proposed Columbia highway through Columbia county.

The state legislative committee named to investigate the power possibilities of Five Mile rapids of the Columbia river will meet in Portland soon to consider the proposition.

The first passenger train to be run over the new Eugene-Coos Bay railroad was an excursion from Eugene to Noti Sunday, in celebration of the arrival of the road to Noti.

Six persons were injured, one probably fatally, in a runaway near Wacanda. A party of 20 was going to a hopyard when the horses became frightened at a dog and ran away.

In a proclamation issued by Governor West the chief executive of the state officially placed his approval on the Made-in-Oregon day movement, and officially proclaimed Monday as that important day.

Ears of corn 12 to 14 inches long, completely filled with juicy kernels, testify as to the efficiency of dry farming in Malheur county. O. B. Johnson, a farmer of Bully creek, brought samples of the corn to Vale.

Five applications for the position of superintendent of the institution for feeble minded have been received by the state board of control. Frank E. Smith's resignation becomes effective October 1.

Returning after 10 years to finish his college course, C. C. Baker, for two years superintendent of city schools at Lebanon, arrived in Eugene with his son to enter the University of Oregon. Both father and son will attend college, the son as a freshman and the father as a senior.

Robert O. Graves, an attorney of Marshfield, has been ordered to appear before the state supreme court October 17 to show cause why he should not be disbarred for alleged activity in connection with deportation of J. W. Edgeworth and two other I. W. Ws. June 25.

The Port of Portland commission has offered to the government nearly half a million dollars in aid of work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. It was the first unit of a program designed to cut the time necessary to completion of the jetty from six to three years, and to realize within a year such benefits to bar channel deepening as will permit free entrance to the larger vessels of the Panama canal fleets.

Twenty or more cities and towns are preparing to vote this fall on the question of abolishing the saloons under the home rule amendment. Places where the "drys" are going to endeavor to wrest the control from the "wets" include Salem, The Dalles, Oregon City, Springfield, Joseph, Heppner, Echo, Monument, Sutherlin, Gresham, Hillsboro, Marshfield, Bandon, Rainier, Harrisburg, Glendale, Dufur, Newport and Falls City.

The work of reforesting from 4000 to 500 acres of denuded mountain slopes in Oregon and Washington is about to be undertaken by the United States forest service. Both the direct seeding method, in which the tree seed is planted in spots, and the planting of nursery-grown trees will be employed, and something over 3000 pounds of seed and 800,000 plants will be used.

Co-operation between the state governments of Oregon and Washington and the war and interior departments of the federal government will be sought by the committee created by the Oregon legislature to determine the feasibility of, and to outline plans for, the construction of a publicly-owned hydro-electric power project on the Columbia river near the Big Eddy rapids.

In order that the men employed in the state printing office may be paid weekly, as was the case under the administration of the late state printer, W. S. Duniway, and in all other printing offices, State Printer Harris has made arrangements with the Ladd & Bush bank to borrow about \$500, or whatever amount is necessary, on his own note weekly to meet the payroll.

Every available member of the agricultural staff and experiment station force of the Oregon Agricultural college are out in the field judging at the county, school and grange fairs. The demand has been so great this year on the college force that it has been impossible to meet it, despite the fact that more than 40 people have been put into the service. The college is requested to send representatives to judge livestock, horticultural products, grains and grasses and other field crops, poultry, home economics exhibits and even the baby shows.



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